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 TEXT:

//((206th installment of series "What To Do, Okinawa?" written by
 military affairs reporters; installment headlined "Cutting Back on
 Military Bases Not Expected --- Certain Backdoor Dealings" and
 accompanied by a photo of FBIS Okinawa Bureau with its 10-meter Roset
 dish in the background and its 4-meter RAMSAT dish in the
 foreground))

((Text)) Presence of CIA Base ((subhead))

Among the subjects taken up between the Japanese and U.S.
 Governments in the course of discussions on Okinawa's reversion
 "without nuclear weapons and on the same level as the mainland" was:

after the reversion of administrative control?"

A typical example was FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Information Service) located in Senaha, Yomitan Village. According to Foreign Ministry data, the mission of FBIS, which is under CIA (U.S. Central Intelligence Agency) jurisdiction, is to monitor radio and television broadcasts and other media of foreign countries (mainly communist countries) and distribute their contents to U.S. Government agencies. FBIS staff is under the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and receives embassy support in financial and other managerial areas.

FBIS became an issue at the Okinawa reversion talks because of its relation to the Security Treaty. Under the Status of Forces Agreement, the Japanese Government authorizes the use of facilities and areas provided to the United States by components of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard); therefore, the use of facilities and areas by a U.S. Government agency, which is not a military organization, cannot be explained.

As a Formality, Used by Military ((subhead))

Accordingly, FBIS, which operated in Okinawa as a branch office of the CIA before reversion, would not be authorized use of facilities and areas after reversion if left intact. Hence, as a result of negotiations between the two governments, the U.S. side took measures to incorporate it into the U.S. Army Okinawa. (The Air Force is now its managing unit, and the Marine Corps acts as its contact point for its external activities.) In other words, despite being under CIA jurisdiction, as a formality it "pretends" to be a facility used by the U.S. military.

We will not specify the Foreign Ministry data (indefinitely classified as secret) that put on record a glimpse of the backdoor dealings at the Japan-U.S. negotiations over the FBIS question. Almost all the news media did not report on this, perhaps because at that time they were swept up by the upheaval calling for "reversion to the motherland." This measure to maintain a "spy base" by having it superficially accord with the security treaty showed how important the maintenance of bases on Okinawa was to both the Japanese and U.S. Governments.

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((Text)). Heightening Military Role ((subhead))

Kazuhisa Ogawa, an international political and military affairs analyst, says: "General detente in the world does not mean there will be drastic reductions in U.S. military bases in Japan. Owing to cutbacks in defense spending, the United States may have lost power to maintain its strategic strongholds in Asia; as a result, Japan's economic and military role will only heighten in dominating the entire Asian region. Certainly, it is possible that military bases will become obsolete with developments in oceanographic and other high technologies. However, not much can be done to reduce or squeeze out the military presence. As long as the United States does not start to pull back all its expeditionary forces in Asia, there will be no significant change in the military presence. Facilities such as Kadena, Futenma, and the Northern Training Area, for instance, will not be returned unless Air Force and Marine units are withdrawn."

He adds: "Even for maintaining surveillance and control over Japan, the United States, I think, will not spare its bases on Okinawa. There is even the possibility of Okinawa becoming a Guantanamo."

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